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-SECRET SAVIN 2 [] VCK66((ALL TIMES ZULU)) DRV AIR DEFENSE REACTION TO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT IN THE HANOI AREA ON 17 AUGUST. THIST SUMMARIZES THAT INFORMATION CONTAINED IN USA-32 SPOT REPORT, 2/H3/VCK/R385-66, 170717Z AUG AND USA-32 SPOT REPH3/VCK/R391-66, 180020Z AUG. INTRODUCTION: ON 17 AUGUST, DRV [] AIR DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED AIR ACTIVITY IN THE AREA OF HANOI AND PHUC YEN. AT LEAST EIGHT DRV PROBABLE MIG-17'S WERE NOTED REACTING AND BLY SIX MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED AGAINST THE HOSTILES. ONE TARGET WAS POSSIBLY DOWNED BY A SAM AND ONE TARGET RDLY FELL DURING AN ATTACK BY ONE OF THE MIG-17'S. DETAILS: DRV [] AIR SURVEILLANCE COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED A FLIGHT OF HOSTILE AIRCRAFT BETWEEN 0706 AND 0728, OVER NORTH VIET-NAM ON 17 AUGUST. THIS FLIGHT WAS ALLY NOTED APPROXIMATELY 20 NM WEST OF HANOI AT 0706. THE FLIGHT, AMPLIFIED AS THREE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AT ANUDE OF 3280 FEET, CONTINUED TO THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF HANOI AND PHUC YEN. AFTER REMAINING IN THIS AREA UNTIL THE HOSTILES WERE NOTED FLYING NORTHWEST THEN SOUTH EXITING THE DRV AT 0728. DRV AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES REFLECTED THE TRACKS OF THREE FLIGHTS OF FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT BETWEEN 0700 AND 0728. EACH FLIGHT WAS NOTED ACTIVEE HANOI AND PHUC YEN AREAS AND ALL THREE TRACKS WERE UNAMPLIFIED AS TO NUMBER, OR TYPE. NO ALTITUDES WERE GIVEN OF THE FRIENDLY FLIGHTS. AT 0711, A MERGE OF TRACKS WAS NOTED BETWEEN ONE FLIGHT OF FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT AND THE MENTIONED HOSTILES, APPROXIMATELY THREE NM NORTHEAST OF PHUC YEN AIRFIELD. DRV TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES REFLECTED TWO SEPARATE REACTIONS AND SUBSEQUENT ENGAGEMENTS BY FOUR PROBABLE DRV MIG-17'S EACH FROM PHUC YEN AND GIA LAM AIRFIELDS BETWEEN 0655 AND 0726. THE PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-17'S WERE VECTORED BY THE SENIOR GCI AND THE EN CONTROLLERS. AT 0659, AN UNIDENTIFIED CONTROLLER REPORTED THAT HOSTILE AIRCRAFT WERE EIGHT NM FROM THE MIGS AND HEADING IN THE DIRECTION OF PHUC YEN AIRFIELD. AT 0702, AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER STATED THAT THERE WERE MANY HOSTILES THE RIVER AND ADDED THAT WE ARE ALL OUT OF MISSILES. AT 0707, A CONTROLLER TOLD THE MIGS TO GO STRAIGHT TO GHWAY BRIDGE, FIND THE ENEMY AND STRIKE. AT 0708, A PILOT REPORTED THAT THE ENEMY WAS DROPPING BOMBS. AT 0709, OT REPORTED SEEING THE AAA TO WHICH THE CONTROLLER REPLIED THAT THEY WERE FIRING FIERCELY. AT 0711, A CONTROLLER REPORTED TO A PILOT THAT AN AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING STRAIGHT TOWARD HIM AND HE WAS TO TURN LEFT AND ATTACK. AT 0713, OT REPORTED THAT HE HAD JUST FIRED AND THE CONTROLLER ORDERED HIM TO LAND. THE FOURTH IAWEXZAAS THEN TOLD TO FLY CHILE THE OTHER THREE AIF: 8 14-15 1-13. AFTER COMPLETION OF THAT TASK, HE WAS ALSO INSTRUCTED TO LAND. BEGINNING AT 0659 AND CONTINUING UNTIL 0726, FOUR PROBABLE MIG-17'S WERE REFLECTED ON DRV TACTICAL VOICOMUNICATIONS FROM HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD. THESE FOUR MIGS ALSO REACTED TO AND SUB- SEQUENTLY ENGAGED HOSTILFK: 18-113 8, 5#3 8-98 -43-. AT 0700, THE MIGS WERE INFORMED BY A CONTROLLER THAT THERE WERE HOSTILES AT 6560 FEEHE DIRECTION OF BAC NINH (2111H 10604E) NEAR HIGHWAY ONE. AT APPROXIMATELY 0705, ONE OF THE PILOTS TOLD ANOTHER HE WAS ATTACKING AND TO WATCH HIS REAR. AT 0713, THE CONTROLLER TOLD THE PILOT TO DESTROY THE TARGET. LESS THAN TE LATER, THE CONTROLLER REPORTED THAT THE TARGET FELL WHILE THE PILOT WAS FIRING. BETWEEN 0718 AND 0726, THE FOUR WERE TOLD TO DESCEND, ENTER THE PATTERN AND LAND. ALSO DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF THE

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